LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

May 26, 2011

Honorable Robert M. Mueller
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Director Mueller:

I write to commend Special Agent Scott Curtis of Squad C-38, New York Office, for his invaluable investigation and cooperation with my staff over the last two years. This Office has worked closely, effectively and successfully with Mr. Curtis and Assistant United States Attorney Liz Geddes in our parallel investigations of certain Colombo La Cosa Nostra Family criminal activities.

Special Agent Curtis has proven himself to be an expert on the Colombo Family and in handling Cooperating Witnesses. The January 2011, indictments resulting from his work have put the Colombo Family into disarray, and the certain following convictions will surely decimate it. For our purposes, Mr. Curtis recognized the importance Local 6A (concrete workers in New York City) has held for the Colombo Family for as long as 50 years in its criminal scheming for profit. Also appreciated is the assistance provided by Supervisory Special Agent Charles Johnston of the Organized Crime Section in this endeavor. He understood the significance of our investigations and the important potential Special Agent Curtis' testimony held for us, and he worked diligently to secure the necessary authorities to allow Special Agent Curtis to testify at our internal Trusteeship hearing.

On March 3, 2011, Special Agent Curtis testified with great expertise and strength for half of one day. At the conclusion of his testimony, our Independent Hearing Officer, Peter F. Vaira, declared Mr. Curtis to be an expert witness on organized crime matters. You may recall that Mr. Vaira was the Organized Crime Strike Force Chief in Chicago for years, followed by his distinguished service as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

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After the hearing's conclusion, Mr. Vaira issued a preliminary order placing Local 6A under Trusteeship administered by the International. Without any question, the influence of the Colombo Family on Local 6A and any other LIUNA entity has been terminated with this successful outcome which is due, in no small measure, to the terrific work done by Special Agent Curtis, and to the cooperation and assistance he and Supervisory Special Agent Johnston provided us. Please relay our appreciation to the supervisors of these Agents.

Sincerely yours,

W. Douglas Gow
Inspector General

June 13, 2011

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Scott. Thank you!
SAC Rodriguez
ASAC Chen
SSA McClearney (C38)
-SA Scott Curtis

Mr. W. Douglas Gow
Inspector General
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Dear Mr. Gow:

Thank you for your May 26 letter commending Special Agent (SA) Scott Curtis for his contributions to the investigations of certain Colombo La Cosa Nostra Family criminal activities. It was also kind of you to mention the assistance provided by Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Charles Johnston.

Your generous comments in which you credit the hard work and cooperative efforts of SSA Johnston and SA Curtis as having played a significant role in the success achieved in this case will be brought to their attention, and I know they will join me in thanking you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Mueller, III
Director

1 - SAC, Detroit (PERSONAL ATTENTION) - Enc.
1 - ADIC, New York (PERSONAL ATTENTION) - Enc.
1 - Mr. Perkins (3012) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) - Enc.
Bring to the attention of appropriate personnel.
1 - Ms. Siford (7176) - Enc.
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NOTE: W. Douglas Gow retired from the FBI as an Associate Deputy Director on 2/28/94.
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